

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with an information disclosure program for disclosing selected parts of a document to be made public, the program comprising the steps of:

locating at least one character string of non-disclosure in the document by referring to an auxiliary storage unit storing a dictionary which contains said at least one character string of non-disclosure in association with at least one corresponding reason;

embedding a tag of non-disclosure and the reason of non-disclosure corresponding to the character string in the XML formatted document according to said dictionary; and

replacing the character string to which the tag of non-disclosure is given to a meaningless character string, when the document is accessed.

2. (original) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with an information disclosure program according to claim 1 wherein said dictionary further contains at least one character string of compulsory disclosure associated with at least one corresponding reason, the program further comprising the steps of:

locating the tag of non-disclosure in the document and determining if the character string corresponding to the tag of non-disclosure matches the character string of compulsory disclosure by referring to said dictionary; and

replacing the retrieved tag of non-disclosure with the tag for compulsory disclosure, and the retrieved reason of non-disclosure with the reason for compulsory disclosure, when the character string of non-disclosure corresponding to the retrieved tag is found in the said dictionary.

3. (original) An information disclosure apparatus for disclosing selected parts of a document to be made public, comprising:

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